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Office Action Summary

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Hargobind S Sawhney

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zou et al. (US Patent No.: 6,550,942 B1).

Regarding Claim 1, Zou et al. ('942 B1) discloses a lamp assembly 500 (Figure 14, column 11, line 48) comprising:

- a lamp 502 (Figure 14, column 11, line 53) for emitting light beam onto an object (not shown); and
- a transparency 516 disposed between the lamp 500 and the object, and the transparency 516 including a first surface receiving the light beam, and a second surface including a plurality of refractors 518 (Figure 14, column 11, lines 55-62).

Regarding Claim 4, Zou et al. ('942 B1) discloses a lamp 500 (Figure 14, column 11, line 48) comprising:

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- a lamp 502 (Figure 14, column 11, line 48) for emitting light beam onto an object (not shown); and
- a convex plate 504 disposed over the lamp 502 for reflecting light beam (Figure 14, column 11, line 53).

3. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Niimi et al. (WO 03/032363 A1) hereinafter referred as Niimi.

Niimi discloses a lamp 1A (English translated abstract with Figure 1) comprising:

- a lamp 1A for emitting light beam onto an object (not shown, English translated abstract with Figure 1); and
- a lamp tube 2A having variable thickness, and including two ends 2A and 2a each being thicker than that of the central part 2c (English translated abstract with Figure 1) for refracting the light beam.

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Nelson et al. (US Patent No.: 3,885,181).

Nelson et al. ('181) discloses a lamp (Figures 1 and 7) comprising:

- a lamp (Figures 1 and 7) for emitting light beam onto an object (not shown; and

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- the lamp being a tube including a surface facing the object (not shown), and the surface including a plurality of refractors 14 and 15 (Figure 7, column 3, lines 31-33) for refracting the light beam.

6. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lewin (US Patent No.: 4,575,788).

Lewin et al. ('788) discloses a lamp 10 (Figure 1) comprising:

- a lamp 17 (Figure 1, column 3, line 17) for emitting light beam onto an object (not shown);
- a reflector, including sections 12-15, disposed over the lamp 17 (Figure 1, column 3, lines 14-17; and
- the reflector including a plurality of reflection units 12-15 for reflecting the light beam onto the object.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Tien (U.S. Patent No. 6,789,737 B2), Miyazawa et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,586,881 B1), Ge et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,632,547), Wun et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,469,303), Kanai (U.S. Patent No. 4,891,664), Kobayashi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,503,356), Wiley (U.S. Patent No. 4,021,659), Levin (U.S. Patent No. 3,825,742), and R.A. Menelly et al. (U.S. Patent No. 3,457,447)


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hargobind S Sawhney whose telephone number is 571 272 2380. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:15 - 2:45.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571 272 2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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